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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR PRC CITIZENS IN OBTAINING EXIT

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1. AS MATTER OF EQUITY, CONGEN WONDERS WHETHER PROPOSED REPRESENTATIONS DESCRIBED REFTEL SHOULD BE LIMITED ONLY TO THOSE WHO WRITE TO USLO REQUESTING ASSISTANCE. IN FAIRNESS TO ALL, IT WOULD SEEM THAT ALL PETITIONERS SHOULD BE GIVEN OPTION OF WRITING TO USLO TO ASK FOR SUPPORT IN THEIR RELATIVES' EXIT PERMIT/PASSPORT APPLICATIONS.

2. ONE WAY TO DO THIS WOULD BE TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN STANDARD HNK-13 PACKET SENT TO PETITIONER THAT USLO IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT RELATIVES' APPLICATIONS FOR FAMILY REUNIFICATION UPON REQUEST. USLO MIGHT WANT TO OBTAIN FROM PETITIONER DATE AND PLACE EXIT PERMIT/PASSPORT APPLICATION WAS FILED AND DESCRIPTION OF STATUS. IF APPLICATION HAS BEEN DENIED, WE WONDER IF SUBSEQUENT INTERVENTION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

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3. USLO MIGHT ALSO WISH TO HAVE CONGEN CONFIRM THAT PETITION IS IN FACT ON FILE HERE. SOME PETITIONERS DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT PETITION ADJUDICATIONS CAN BE LENGTHY OR DENIED AND MIGHT WRITE TO USLO REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN ADVANCE OF PETITION APPROVAL. FROM OUR DEBRIEFINGS HERE, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT PETITIONERS WILL WRITE TO

FAMILY IN PRC BEFORE OR WHEN PETITION IS FILED AND FAMILY IN PRC WILL OFTEN START EXIT PERMIT/PASSPORT APPLICATION BEFORE PETITION IS APROVED.

4. WORKLOAD COULD BE CONSIDERABLE IF MOST PETITIONERS

REQUEST ASSITANCE. FOR EXAMPLE, CURRENT COUNT OF PETITIONS ON FILE AT CONGEN FOR PRC RESIDENTS IS 6,657 COVERING 18,586 POTENTIAL APPLICANTS. WE RECEIVE AVERAGE OF 60 SUCH PETITIONS COVERING APPROXIMATELY 120 APPLICANTS MONTHLY. SHOESMITH

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